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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, DA, GL, EEC

SUBJECT: GREENLAND AND THE EC

REFS: (A) STATE 288287; (B) COPENHAGEN 7205

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON PARA 2  
REFTEL A, PARTICULARLY ERSBOLL'S STATEMENT THAT FOLLOWING  
HOME RULE, SHOULD GREENLAND TAKE "MAJOR STEP" OF LEAVING  
EC, IT "MIGHT TAKE OTHERS THAT COULD REMOVE IT FROM THE  
WESTERN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ORBIT."

2. STATEMENT APPEARS TO SUGGEST THAT GREENLANDERS, AFTER  
VOTING IN MAY 1979 FOR HOME RULE AND (ANTICIPATED) CONTINUED  
DANISH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
MIGHT PROCEED IF THEY OPT OUT OF THE EC TO PRESS FOR COM-  
PLETE INDEPENDENCE.

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3. ERSBOLL ASKED THAT THE US, SHOULD OPPORTUNITY ARISE,  
INDICATE ITS CONCERN (PRESUMABLY TO OTHER EC COUNTRIES)  
THAT GREENLAND MIGHT LEAVE THE EC. HAVE DANISH OFFICIALS  
BROACHED THIS SUBJECT WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS? IF SO, HAVE  
THEY SPECIFIED WHAT EC COUNTRIES THEY THINK WE SHOULD  
APPROACH? HAVE THEY SUGGESTED WE SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT  
GREENLAND BE GIVEN SPECIAL STATUS WITHIN THE EC, AND/OR

PROPOSED THAT WE DO THIS AS BEING IN NATO'S BEST  
INTERESTS?

4. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH  
DANES AT PRESENT. CHRISTOPHER

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